# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3289
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SURVEY OF MINERALS BY GSI
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has undertaken a mapping of different minerals in the country including exploration in the sea bed;

(b) if so, the details thereof mineral-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is paying more attention to export of minerals rather than its domestic consumption;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to create infrastructure for maximum use of minerals in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES(SHRI SIS RAM OLA )

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) undertakes the mapping of different minerals in the country including systematic sea bed survey within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India. The mapping is `Large Scale Mapping` (LSM) or `Detailed Mapping` (DM) depending open the resolution of mapping. The details of these mappings by GSI for the field season 2006-07 are as per Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Government`s export policy keeps in view the mineral inventory position and long term needs of the country. Ministry of Commerce and Industry periodically reviews the Foreign Trade Policy and introduces the corrective measures in this regard.

(e), (f) & (g) : A lot of infrastructure development in the mining and mineral sector has taken place overtime. However infrastructure also needs to develop to keep pace with the continuing growth of the sector. The National Mineral Policy 2008 envisages a special thrust for mining infrastructure, and innovative structures are to be devised for developing and financing the infrastructure needs of the sector.

Annexure

Statement referred in to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No.3289 for answer on 15th April, 2008 asked by Shri Asuddin Owaisi regarding `Survey of Minerals by GSI`.

| State | Minerals/Metals | Mapping Activity |
|---|---|---|
| Rajasthan | Basemetals & associated minerals | LSM:48 sq km<br>DM:3.65 sq km |
| | Gold | LSM: 32 sq km<br>DM;3.5 sq. km |
| | REE & RM | LSM:4.2 sq km |
| Gujarat | Basemetals | LSM:9 sq km |
| Jharkhand | Gold | LSM:71 sq km<br>DM: 1.0 sq km |

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|---|---|---|
| | Iron Ore | LSM:20 sq km<br>DM:4.0 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM: 7.0 sq km |
| Orissa | Manganese Ore | LSM: 100 sq km |
| | Limestone | LSM: 50 sq km |
| | Platinoid Group of Elements(PGE) | DM:0.5 sq km |
| | Iron Ore | LSM: 50 sq km<br>DM: 1.0 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM:10 sq km |
| West Bengal | Gold | LSM: 10 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM: 3.0 sq km |
| Andhra Pradesh | Barytes | LSM: 50 sq km |
| | Gold | LSM:95 sq km<br>DM: 0.5 sq km |
| | Molybdenum + REE | LSM: 100 sq km<br>DM: 0.5 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM: 4.0 sq km |
| Karnataka | Gold | LSM: 55 sq km<br>DM: 3.0 sq km |
| | Platinoid Group of Elements | LSM: 25 sq km<br>DM: 0.75 sq km |
| | Iron Ore | LSM: 60 sq km |
| Maharashtra | Copper & associated Gold | DM: 0.5 sq km |
| | Gold | LSM: 25 sq km |
| Tamil Nadu | Limestone | LSM: 20 sq km |
| | Graphite | LSM: 75 sq km<br>DM: 0.6 sq km |
| | PGE | LSM: 225 sq km |
| | Gold | DM: 0.6 sq km |
| | Iron Ore | LSM: 30 sq km |
| Kerala | Gold | LSM: 50 sq km |
| Madhya Pradesh | Basemetal | LSM: 10 sq km<br>DM: 1.5 sq km |
| | Limestone | LSM: 11 sq km<br>DM:0.45 sq km |

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|---|---|---|
| | Phosphorite | LSM: 10 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM:22 sq km |
| Chhattisgarh | Gold | DM: 0.5 sq km |
| | Iron Ore | LSM: 5 sq km<br>DM: 1.0 sq km |
| | Diamond | LSM: 10 sq km |
| | Coal | LSM:107 sq km |
| Uttar Pradesh | Phosphorite | LSM: 10 sq km |
| | Basemtal | DM:0.25 sq km |
| Haryana | Copper | DM:0.05 sq km |
| Meghalaya | PGE & Ni | DM:4.0 sq km |
| | Limestone | DM:2.0 sq km |